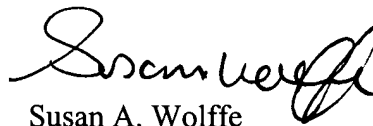


## REMARKS

Attention is drawn to the response filed on September 17, 1993 in great great great grandparent application Serial No. 07/987,584 in which claim 24 was timely added to provoke an interference with the claims of U.S. Patent 5,154,992. This response is incorporated by reference in its entirety. Instant claim 21 corresponds to claim 24 of the great great great grandparent application (modified to be fully supported by the instant specification) in order to provoke an interference with the claims of U.S. Patent 5,154,992. Attention is further drawn to the Office Action dated November 19, 1999 in grandparent application 08/403,570. Instant claims 21-24 correspond directly to claims 26-29 which were rejected in the November 19, 1999 Office Action. Receipt of an Office Action rejecting the instant claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 5,154,992 is requested.

Examination on the merits of the instant application is respectfully requested.

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